# Leveraging ARRA Funds to Support SB 375 and Create Healthy Sustainable Communities

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#### Societal Challenges: Converging Solutions





## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

An opportunity to leverage federal dollars for healthpromoting infrastructure and programs that will simultaneously:

- Jumpstart the economy through job creation and increased spending
- Promote equitable health and safety outcomes
- Continue to build on the state's commitment to environmental protection and reductions in greenhouse gas



## Realizing the Vision for a Healthy California

Opportunities in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

With passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Governor Schwarzenegger and the State Legislature have an important opportunity to leverage federal stimulus dollars for health-promoting infrastructure and programs that will jumpstart the economy, promote equitable health and safety outcomes, and

he American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provides a catalyst for Governor Schwarzenegger and the State Legislature to lead California out of its economic crisis while establishing a ground-breaking, long-term legacy of health and equity. With focused investments in transportation, housing and community development, workforce development, health, and education, stimulus dollars can make the vision for a healthy California a reality.

California needs sound investments in our infrastructure that are just as good for our economy as our health. Illness and injuries place a great burden on California, causing steep medical care costs and productivity losses. Chronic illnesses like Type 2 diabetes, cancer, and heart disease threaten the well-being and productivity of our people and our economy. The state's priorities—new construction, infrastructure repair, job creation, housing stability, and sustainable business practices—can go hand-in-hand with initiatives that support equitable health and safety outcomes. Examples of projects that create jobs, bolster the economy, and support health include: safe, walk-

#### Realizing the Vision: Overarching Principles

- 1. Health-promoting infrastructure: public transportation, walking and biking paths, sustainable regional food systems, parks
- 2. Equity: Jobs and infrastructure in communities that need it most
- 3. All agencies working 'upstream' to prevent illness and injury.

## L.A. OKs moratorium on fast-food restaurants

In bid to fight obesity, city imposes one-year ban in poor

neighborhoods



updated 5:52 p.m. PT, Tues., July 29, 2008
LOS ANGELES - City officials are putting
South Los Angeles on a diet.
The City Council voted unanimously
Tuesday to place a moratorium on
new fast food restaurants in an
impoverished swath of the city with a
proliferation of such eateries and above
average rates of obesity.

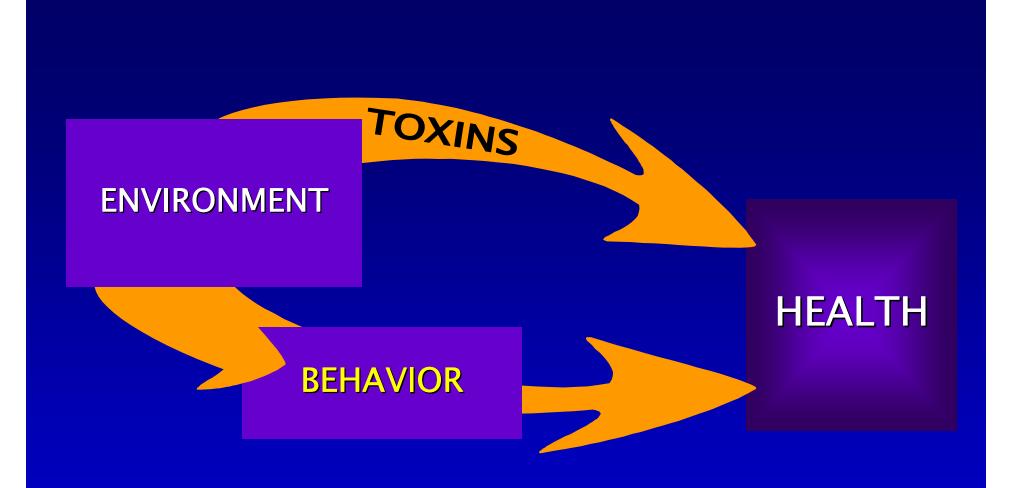
The yearlong moratorium is intended to give the city time to attract restaurants that serve healthier food. The action, which the mayor must still sign into law, is believed to be the first of its kind by a major city to protect public health.



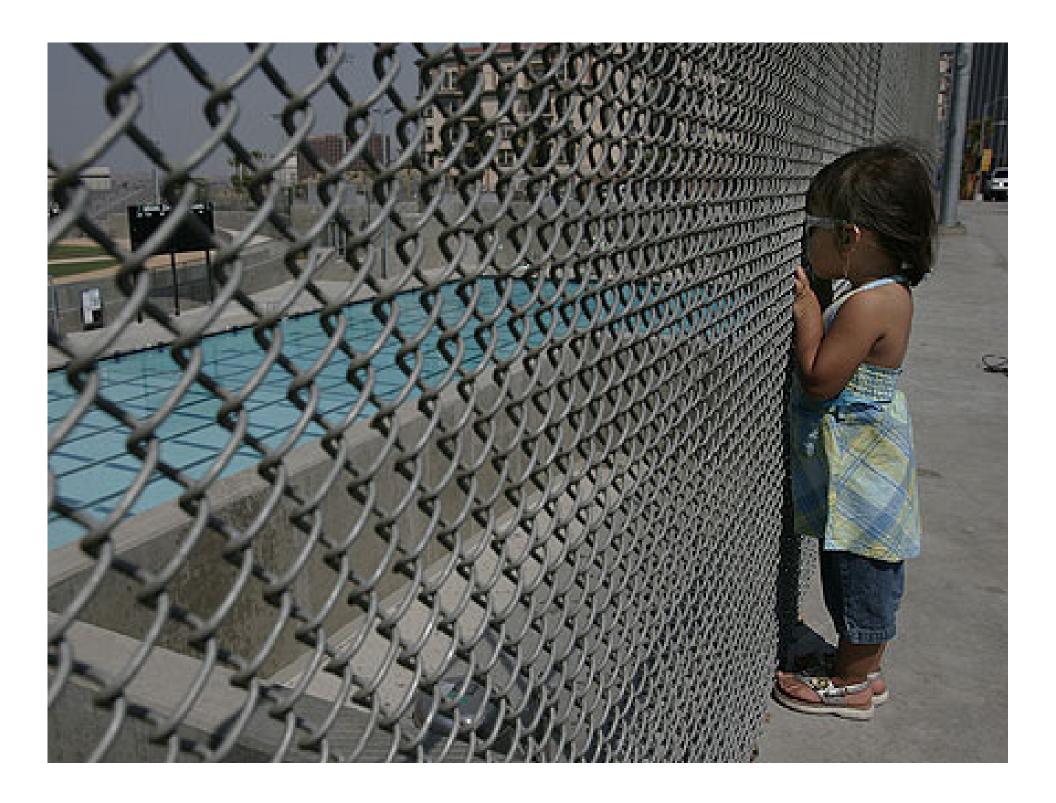


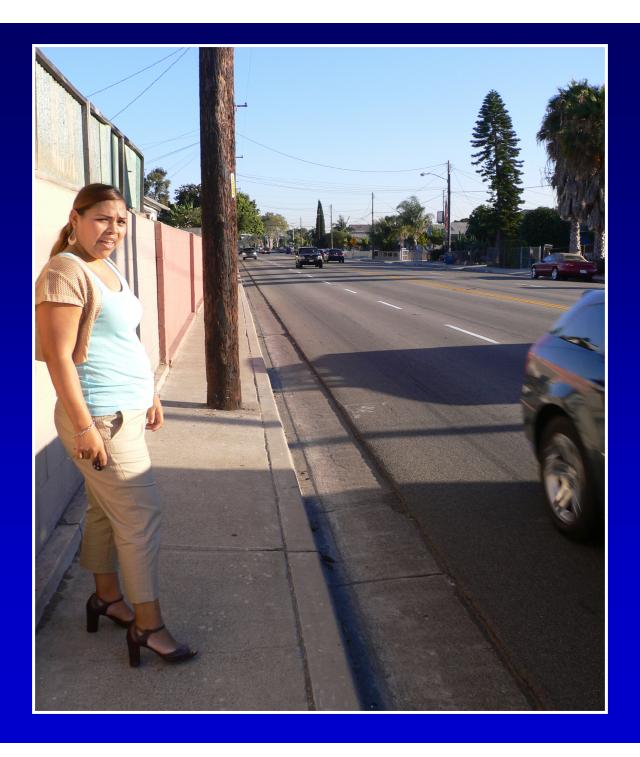


Source: Actual Causes of Deaths in the US, 2000, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2004









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#### Return on Investment with Prevention

Savings at 5 years

\$5.60

Return on Investment

\$16 Billion
Annual Savings
In 5 Years

**\$1 Investment** 



"There is one unexpected long-term option that can help our stalling economy—reforming our health care system through enhanced prevention and wellness."

Tommy Thompson Former Secretary of Health and Human Services September 2008

















## NO CHILDREN ALLOWED PLAYING IN COURT YARD

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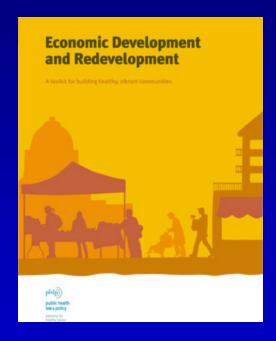


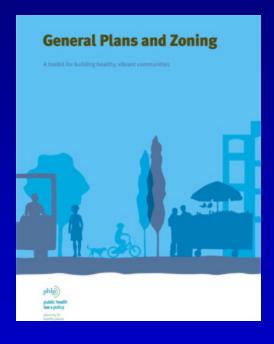


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